

REMARKS

Claims 25-28 are rejected, and claims 29 and 30 are indicated as being allowed pending resolution of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

The specification at page 1 has been amended to note that parent application No. 09/716,225 has issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,652,723.

In response to the obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 25-30 over claims 1, 3, 4, 9-11, 13, 14, 19 and 20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,652,723, the common Assignee submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer, disclaiming the terminal part of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of prior U.S. Patent No. 6,652,723. Withdrawal of the obviousness-type double patenting rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 25 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,337,009 to Nadanami et al. (Nadanami '009) in view of either JP 8-327592 (JP '592) or JP 63-094146 (JP '146), with or without evidence from Logothetis et al. (ACS Symposium Series 309, pp. 136-194, 1986).

Claim 25 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP '146 in view of U.S. Patent 4,718,991 to Yamazoe et al., with or without evidence from Logothetis.

Claim 26 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP '146 in view of Yamazoe et al., and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,051,123 to Joshi et al.

Claims 27 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nadanami '009 in view of either JP '592 or JP '146 and U.S. Patent No. 5,573,648 to Shen et al.

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Claims 27 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable JP '146 in view of Yamazoe et al. and Shen et al., with or without Joshi et al., further in view of Bard & Faulkner ("Electrochemical Methods", pp. 22-26, 1980).

In response, claims 25-28 have been canceled, to thereby obviate the foregoing rejections. Withdrawal is respectfully requested.

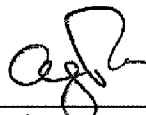
New claims 31-36 depending from either of claims 29 and 30 find support, for example, at paragraphs [24] and [89] and in claim 26 as originally filed.

Withdrawal of all rejections and allowance of claims 29-36 is earnestly solicited.

In the event that the Examiner believes that it may be helpful to advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number indicated below.

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